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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the August 23, 2006 Decision on (i) the Petition filed February 16, 2006 and (ii) the Petition filed March 2, 2001. Applicants look forward to prosecution being reopened and await further communication from the Patent Office.

To clarify the record, while applicants did file an Appeal Brief (i.e. the February 22, 1999 brief mentioned on page 2 of Paper No. 37), it is applicants' understanding the previous Examiner failed to deliver the Appeal Brief to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because he was of the opinion that there was no rejection. This failure on

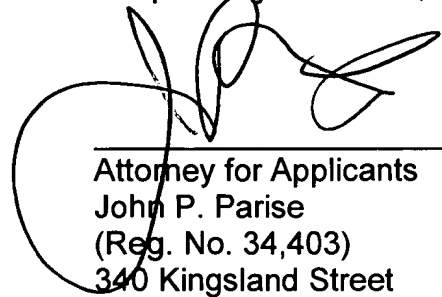
the part of the previous Examiner was what triggered the need for the Petition to Invoke the Supervisory Authority of the Commissioner.

While the Petition to Invoke the Supervisory Authority of the Commissioner was dismissed as being premature because the currently filed RCE has reopened prosecution and the Examiner has not yet rendered an Office Action on the merits, applicants commend the Patent Office on the recognition that under the authorities of *In re Hass* and *In re Weber* as set forth in the petition, the restriction would be tantamount to a rejection and thus subject to appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences as there is no petitionable matter. Applicants only regret that this took over seven years to reach this recognition.

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Respectfully submitted,

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